MAR 3 1 2003 Universe appli

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

E WATTACK H

Intre application of

Confirmation No. 3064

Hiroaki INOUE et al.

Docket No. 2001 1094A

Serial No. 09/890,455

Group Art Unit 2812

Filed March 12, 2002

Examiner Lynne A. Gurley

ELECTROLESS PLATING LIQUID AND METHOD OF FORMING INTERCONNECTION USING SUCH AN ELECTROLESS PLATING LIQUID

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, lines 19-25, please replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

The electroless copper plating liquid should preferably further contain polyoxyethylene alkylether phosphoric acid, polyoxyethylene alkylether, and a mixture of polyoxyethylene alkylether (e.g., RT610 manufactured by Toho Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), indicated below, at a concentration ranging from 1 to 100 mg/bit (polyoxyethylene alkylether phosphoric acid)

[RO(C₂H₄O)_n]_m - P - (OH)_{3-m}]
0 m = 1 through 3

(polyoxyethylene alkylether)

 $RO(C_2H_4O)_nH$.